**Response Papers: Assignment Description**

You will write **four** short response papers about the given day’s reading. These papers must be analytical in nature and demonstrate critical thinking, rather than summarizing the text or echoing your personal feelings about the reading. Support your argument about the text by quoting, paraphrasing, or summarizing the day’s reading. But don’t just summarize! You may address historical context, politics, etc. These papers are intended as a support for further thinking and to promote discussion about the reading. However, you should still treat these responses with the same attention that you would give to a longer essay.

In addition to your short paper, you should post **one open-ended question** about the day’s reading on the course wiki. I will integrate these questions into our class discussion.

Each response paper is worth **5%** of your final grade in the course.

Response papers and posted questions are due **by 8 AM** the day we are discussing the reading

Response paper due dates depend on which paper group you are in (posted on ELearning under the “Syllabus, Textbooks, and Group Assignments” tab). It is your responsibility to remember your group assignment and to keep track of due dates.

**Required Elements**

* **500 words each, minimum** (this does not include your paper heading), in paragraph style. Papers that are under the minimum word count will face a significant grade penalty.
* **One open-ended question** (no length requirement) – post to the course wiki (see instructions for this below)
* Due electronically by **8 A.M.** the day we are discussing the reading
  + Submit each response paper in .doc, .docx, or .rtf format to the course website AND also on ELearning
* **File Name:** Save your files as “Last name”, “Assignment Name,” e.g. Krafft, Response Paper 1, in .doc or .docx format.
* **MLA Format** 
  + Double-spaced (including heading)
  + 12 point, Times New Roman font
  + 1 inch margins, on all sides
  + Italicize book titles, put the titles of short stories in quotation marks
* **Paper Heading**: In the upper left-hand corner of the first page, provide this heading:

Your name (first and last)

Ms. Krafft

AML 2410, Section 8974

Assignment Date

* **Content:** Organize your response around a central issue, theme or episode in the text that you find relevant. Make an argument about the meaning of the text. Papers that only summarize the plot of the text are not meeting the requirements of this assignment.
* See the sample response paper on ELearning for an example of a paper that meets these required elements.

**Additional Information**

* On days with multiple readings, you may choose which text(s) you discuss.
* On days we are discussing novels, respond to the assigned section for that day (although you may relate the day’s reading to themes and topics we have been discussing).
* Response papers do not require outside research.
  + **However**, if you do refer to any sources, always cite them in MLA style. Remember, borrowing someone else’s ideas and presenting them as your own is plagiarism.
* If you wish to attach an image or visual element to your response paper, you may do so. However, this is not required.

**Group 1 Due Dates**

* Thursday, 9/5 – Response Paper #1 – Edith Wharton, *The House of Mirth*
* Tuesday, 9/17- Response Paper #2 – Edna St. Vincent Millay, “I Think I Should Have Loved You Presently” and “I, Being Born a Woman and Distressed” and Dorothy Parker, “Big Blonde”
* Tuesday, 10/1 – Response Paper #3 – Arthur Miller, *Death of a Salesman*
* Tuesday, 10/22 – Response Paper #4 – Toni Morrison, *Beloved*

**Group 2 Due Dates**

* Thursday, 9/5 – Response Paper #1 – Edith Wharton, *The House of Mirth*
* Tuesday, 9/24 – Response Paper #2 – William Faulkner, “Barn Burning”
* Thursday, 10/17 – Response Paper #3 – Toni Morrison, *Beloved*
* Thursday, 11/7 – Response Paper #4 – Don DeLillo, *White Noise*

**Group 3 Due Dates**

* Tuesday, 9/10 – Response Paper #1 – Edith Wharton, *The House of Mirth*
* Thursday, 9/26 – Response Paper #2 – Ernest Hemingway, selections from *In Our Time*
* Thursday, 10/17 – Response Paper #3 – Toni Morrison, *Beloved*
* Tuesday, 11/12 – Response Paper #4 – Don DeLillo, *White Noise*

Again, remember that all response papers are due **by 8 A.M.** on the day we are discussing the reading.

**Lateness Policy**

If your response paper is late (i.e. submitted after **8 AM**), I will reduce it to a maximum possible grade of **C.**

The reason for this policy is that response papers will be central to class discussion, and turning the assignment in by 8 AM will provide me and your fellow classmates with adequate time to read your paper.

**Revision**

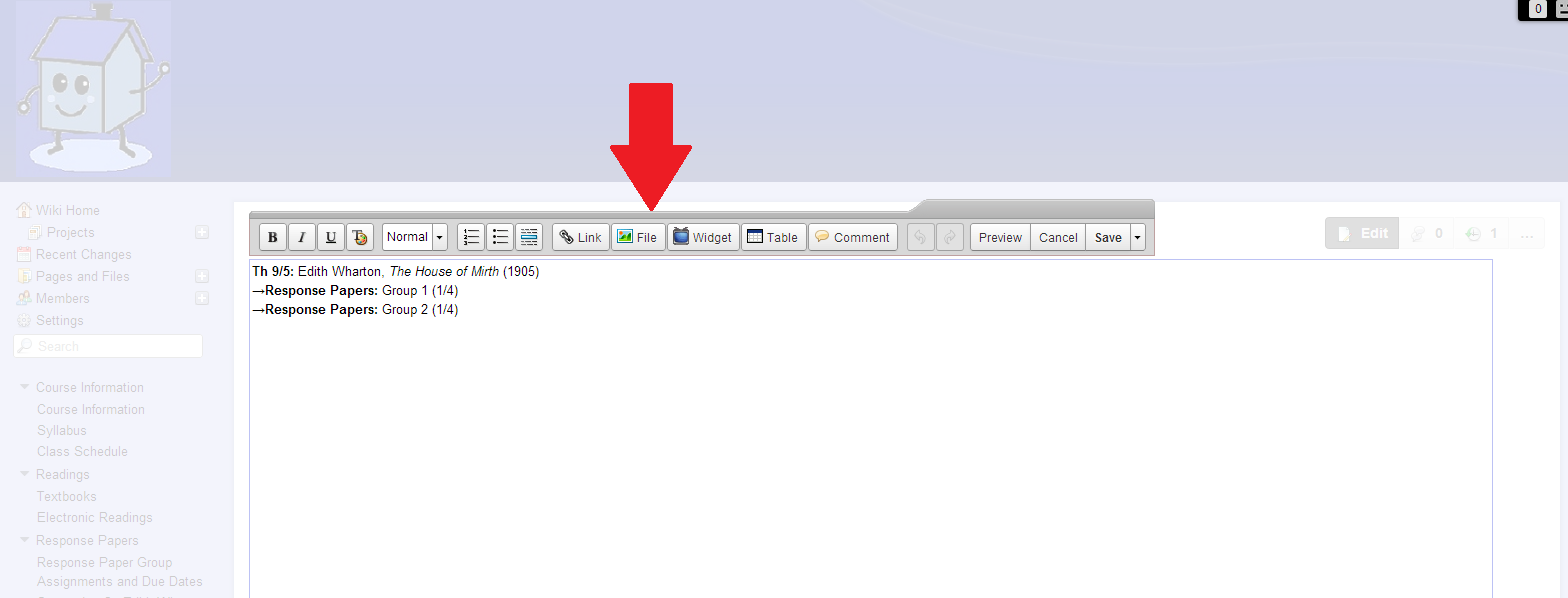
I will allow you to revise **two response papers** over the course of the semester.

After you receive my comments, you will have **1 week** to optionally revise and resubmit the assignment. You should aim for your first version of the assignment to be of the best possible quality.

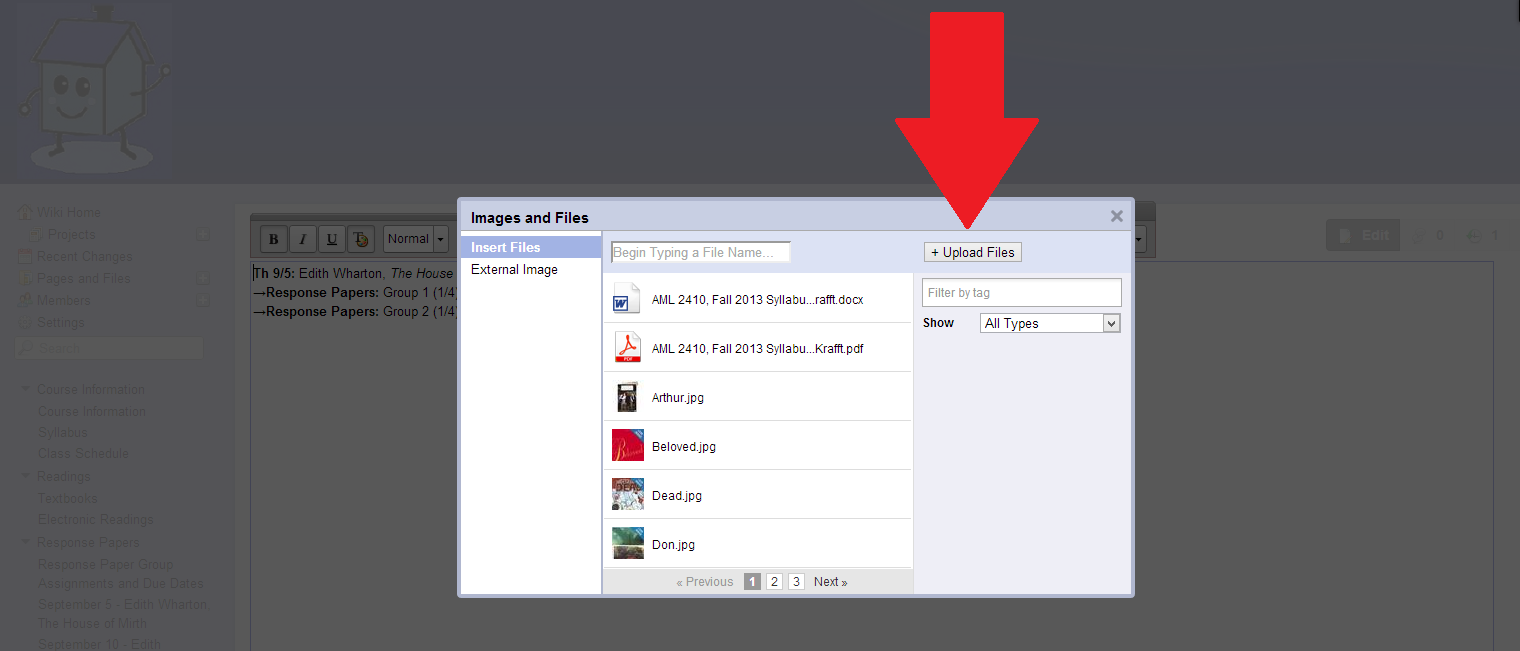
I will not allow revisions for late response papers or papers that fail to meet the assignment requirements.

**How To Post Your Response Paper and Questions on the Course Wiki**

1. Open <http://domesticity2410.wikispaces.com/> and log in if you have not already done so.
2. On the left side of the screen, you will see a navigation panel. Click the drop down arrow next to “response papers” and select your assigned date.
3. On your response paper page, select the edit button:
4. Attach your panel paper as a Word document(.doc or .docx) by clicking “file”



1. Select “upload files” and then select your Word document. Please make sure that your file name reads “Your last name” “Assignment name” (e.g. Krafft, Response Paper 1).



1. Your file may take a moment to appear in the uploading window. Once you see it appear, click it, and it should appear on the page for your response paper.
2. Underneath your file, type in your open-ended question for the day’s discussion.
3. If you wish to add an optional visual element to your post, use the upload window again and upload a file of your image. Click on the image once it is uploaded, and it should appear on the blog.
   1. If you are including a video rather than a still image, you will need to embed a widget. Select “widget” on the main edit page, then navigate to “video,” select the video type and include the embed code for the video.
   2. If this is too complicated, provide a link for the video.

Please make sure when you are editing the response paper page that you do not delete or move anyone else’s posted information. This is why I ask you to submit this information on ELearning as well.

**How To Post Your Response Paper on ELearning**

1. To submit your paper on ELearning, log in to the course ELearning page on elearning.ufl.edu.
2. Select “paper submissions” on the left hand side of the screen.
3. Select your response paper group and number, attach your paper file.